

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Office Action mailed May 8, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 31-61 were pending in this Application. Claims 31-37, 39-54, and 56-61 were rejected. Claim 55 was objected to. Claim 38 was previously withdrawn. Claims 33-36, 40, 46-47, 55 and 58-60 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Claims 1-32, 37-39, 41-45, 48-54, 56-57 and 61 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 41-45 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants have cancelled Claims 41-45.

Claims 37, 39, and 61 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have cancelled Claims 37-39 and 61.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 31-32, 34-37, and 39-46 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by non-patent article entitled "Bioavailability of L-DOPA from HP-200-a formulation of seed powder of Mucuna pruriens (Bak): a Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Study", Phytotherapy Research 1996, vol. 10, 254-356, by Mahajami et al. ("Mahajami")

Claims 31-32, 34-37, 39-45, 48-49, 51, 53-54, and 59-60 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by non-patent article "Effect of the alcohol extract of the seeds of Mucuna pruriens on free radicals and oxidative stress in albino rats", Phytotherapy Research 2002, vol 16, 534-538, by Tripathi et al. ("Tripathi").

Claims 31-32, 34-37, 40-45, 47-48, 51, 53-54, and 59-60 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,106,839 issued to Som C. Pruthi et al. ("Pruthi").

Applicants have cancelled all claims rejected under §102 or have amended these claims to depend from allowable Claim 55. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of all rejections of claims 33-36, 40, 46-47, and 59-60 as amended.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 31-37, 39-45, 48-49, 51, 53-54, and 59-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Tripathi.

Claims 31-32, 34-37, 39-46, 48, 50, 52, 54, and 57-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mahajami and non-patent article "Isolation of 3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine from the seeds of *Mucuna pruriens*" Biochemistry 1937, vol. 31, 2149-2151, Damodaran et al. ("Damodaran").

Claims 31-37, 39-45, 48-49, 51, 53-54, and 59-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tripathi in view of non-patent article "Mucuna pruriens IV. Alkaloidal constituents and their derivatives", Indian Pharmacist 1954, vol. 10, 79-84, Majumdar et al. ("Majumdar").

Applicants have cancelled all claims rejected under §103 or have amended these claims to depend from allowable Claim 55. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of all rejections of claims 33-36, 40, 46, and 58-60 as amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that Claim 55 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended Claim 55 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 54. Applicants have further amended all other pending claims to depend from Claim 55. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2580.

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